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The fatal noose performed its office, and with most *strict* figure squeezed the blood into his face. *Arbutnot*.

5. Tense; not relaxed.
We feel our fibres grow *strict* or lax according to the state of the air. *Arbutnot*.

STRICTLY. *adv.* [from *strict*.] 1. Exactly; with rigorous accuracy.

The other parts being grosser, composed not only water, *strictly* so called, but the whole mass of liquid bodies. *Barnet*.

Charge him *strictly*.
Not to proceed, but wait my farther pleasure. *Dryden*.

2. Rigorously; severely; without remission or indulgence.
In the discharge of thy place, let before thee the best examples; and after a time let before thee thine own, and examine thyself *strictly* whether thou didst not best at first. *Bacon*.

God may with the greatest justice *strictly* require endeavours from us, and without any inconsistency with his goodness inflict penalties on those who are wanting. *Rogers's Sermons*.

A weak prince again disposed the people to new attempts, which it was the clergy's duty to endeavour to prevent, if some of them had not proceeded upon a topic that, *strictly* followed, would enslave all mankind. *Swift*.

3. Closely; with tenderness.
STRICTNESS. *n. f.* [from *strict*.]

1. Exactness; rigorous accuracy; nice regularity.
I could not grant too much or distrust too little to men, that pretended singular piety and religious *strictness*. *K. Charles*.

Such of them as are not concealed connive at, though in the *strictness* of your judgment you cannot pardon. *Dryden*.

Who were made privy to the secrets of heaven, but such as performed his revealed will at an higher rate of *strictness* than the rest? *South*.

Though in *strictness* our Saviour might have pleaded exemption from the Jewish tribute, he exerted his divine power in a miracle to pay it. *Rogers*.

2. Severity; rigour.
These commissioners proceeded with such *strictness* and severity as did much obscure the king's mercy. *Bacon's Hen. VII.*

3. Closeness; tightness; not laxity.
STRICTURE. *n. f.* [from *strictura*, Latin, a spasm.]

1. A stroke; a touch.
The God of nature implanted in their vegetable natures certain passive *strictures*, or signatures of that wisdom which had made and ordered all things with the highest reason. *Hale*.

2. Contraction; closure by contraction.
As long as there is thirst, with a free passage by urine, and *stricture* of the vessels, so long is water safely taken. *Arbutnot*.

3. A slight touch upon a subject; not a set discourse.
STRIDE. *n. f.* [repebe, Saxon.] A long step; a step taken with great violence; a wide divarication of the legs.

I'll speak between the change of man and boy,
With a free voice, and turn two mincing steps
Into a manly *stride*. *Shak. Merchant of Venice*.

The monster moved on with horrid *strides*. *Milton*.

Hor voice theatrically loud,
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Mars in the middle of the shining shield
Is grav'd, and *strides* along the liquid field. *Dryden*.

To Jove, or to thy father Neptune, pray,
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2. To stand with the legs far from each other.
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See him *stride*.
Vallies wide. *Arbutnot*.